Integrated Medical Course

1760. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce an integrated course of Medicine by taking the best of all systems of medicine namely Allopathy, Homoeopathy, Unani, Ayurveda and Siddha for better treatment of patients at low cost;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Integration of different medical systems is not favoured either by Medical Council of India or by Central Council for Indian Medicine. The present policy is to develop each of these systems in accordance with its genius.

Eye-banks in the Country

1761. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) what is the number of corneal blindness in the country at present;

(b) what is the number of corneal transplantations per annum at present;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of Eye-banks in the country;

(d) if so, the details therof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) According to the National Blindness Survey (1986-89) the number of persons in the country with corneal opacity was estimated at 1.9 lakhs.

(b) During 1991, 5400 corneal transplantations were performed.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Proposals have been invited from the State Governments.

Setting up a CGHS Dispensary at "C" Block, Janakpuri

1762. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position with regard to the setting up of a CGHS dispensary in 'C' Block of Janakpuri, New Delhi; which has been panding for several years now; and

(b) by when the dispensary is expected to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Building for a new dispensary at C-Block Janakpuri CGHS is under construction. As soon as the construction work of the building is over, the Dispensary will be set up there.

Stray Dogs Menace in Delhi

1763. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that number of stray dogs in Delhi have gone up considerably due to court stay on their killing;

(b) whether the street dogs are a menace to people of Delhi; if so, the measures Government propose to take to have the stay lifted, and

(c) the other steps Government propose to take to curb the menace?